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Dear Gaylen:

I am glad you were able to clear up the situation with Szybalski about the forthcoming conference. He perhaps does not realize that I have been doing no work at all on *Streptomyces* since you left the laboratory, but this letter is perhaps the easiest way to confirm this to him. Actually I doubt whether I would have very much to offer in any capacity at the present time and, in any event, I have a serious conflict for the scheduled time of the Symposium.

Best wishes to all the Bradleys.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg

P.S. Haven't you gotten to a clear understanding yet with Sermonti? What a mess! Everyone seems to be working at cross purposes. Why don't you call up Dave Bonner and, if necessary, Sermonti in Rome and get it straightened out once and for all.

CC: W. Szybalski